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FOR AF - MR. MOOSE AND AF/E - DICK POST ONLY
FROM BAKER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: AEMR, CASC, PEPR, US, GW, UG
SUBJECT: UGANDA: ENVOY TO AMIN

1. WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE QUESTION OF
ADVISABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF A US ENVOY TO AMIN
WITH BOTH LEONHARD KREMER, FRG FOREIGN OFFICE EAST
AND SOUTHERN AFRICA OFFICE CHIEF, AND RICHARD
ELLERKMANN, FORMER FRG AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA. KREMER'S
REACTION WAS THAT IF HIGH-LEVEL, OFFICIAL ENVOY WERE
SENT, AMIN WOULD TAKE ENVOY SERIOUSLY (AND WOULD TAKE
DISPATCH OF ENVOY AS REFLECTING US DECISION RE US
REPRESENTATION TO UGANDA), BUT WOULD VERY LIKELY BE
PROVOKED BY US MESSAGE. ALTERNATIVELY, IF ENVOY WERE
NON-OFFICIAL, AMIN WOULD NOT BE PROVOKED BUT WOULD PAY
LITTLE ATTENTION TO ENVOY'S STATEMENTS. ELLERKMANN
OPINED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR AMIN TO RECEIVE
DIRECT EXPLANATION OF US POLICY (ONLY WAY, HE BELIEVED,
TO ENSURE THAT AMIN RECEIVED RELIABLE INFORMATION ON
SUBJECT), BUT BELIEVED AMIN WOULD USE ANY OFFICIAL
SPECIAL ENVOY FOR HIS OWN PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES
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WHICH WOULD BE BOUND TO CREATE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS FOR
USG, AND THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT ON BALANCE NON-
OFFICIAL ENVOY (HE PARTICULARLY RECOMMENDED A BLACK
AMERICAN) WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER,
RECOMMEND THAT ENVOY BE MISSIONARY, OR COME FROM
KENYA OR TANZANIA, DUE TO AMIN'S SENSITIVITY RE
CHRISTIANS AND STRAINED UGANDAN RELATIONS WITH THOSE

STATES.

2. ASKED IF HIS ASSESSMENT WOULD CHANGE WERE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE UGANDA, ELLERKMANN RESPONDED THAT THIS WOULD BE FAR LESS RISKY IN TERMS OF AMIN PUBLIC RELATIONS USE OF CONTACT BUT SAID IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO INDUCE AMIN TO LEAVE UGANDA, WHICH HE RARELY DOES THESE DAYS. ELLERKMANN BELIEVED KINSHASA WOULD BE BEST LOCATION, DUE TO GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN AMIN AND MOBUTU.

3. BOB HENNEMEYER WILL REPORT IN MORE DETAIL ON RETURN WASHINGTON.
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